

REMARKS

Claims 1-102 are currently in the case. By this paper, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-102 and added claims 103-138, as shown, in order to more accurately reflect the subject matter desired for patent protection.

OBJECTION TO THE DISCLOSURE

The Examiner objected to an informality found on page 72, line 8 of Applicants' specification. By this paper, the corresponding paragraph has been amended to correct the informality. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-5, 12, 17, 26, 32-35, 38-45, 47-52, 59, 64, 73, 79-82, 85-90, AND 94-99 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102 OVER REILEY

Claims 1-5, 12, 17, 26, 32-35, 38-45, 47-52, 59, 64, 73, 79-82, 85-90, and 94-99 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,610,091 to Reiley. Applicants respectfully assert that some or all of these claims define over the art of record. However, by this paper, all of the rejected claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection is now believed to be moot.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 7-11 AND 54-58 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103 OVER REILEY IN VIEW OF MATTHEWS

Claims 7-11 and 54-58 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Reiley in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,569,248 to Matthews. Applicants respectfully assert that some or all of these claims define over the art of record. However, by this paper, all of the rejected claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection is now believed to be moot.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 45, 48, AND 85 FOR OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE
PATENTING OVER GOBLE

Claims 1, 45, 48, and 85 stand rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,579,319 to Goble, et al. By this paper, all of the rejected claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection is now believed to be moot.

CONCLUSION

Newly submitted claims 103-138 are believed to be allowable over the art of record. If the Examiner sees any impediment to allowance of these claims, or if an explanation of the novelty of these claims would be helpful, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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